

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A balance (1) comprising a weighing compartment (4) that borders on a stationary part (8, 9) of the balance and is otherwise enclosed by at least one side wall panel (5, 6), a front wall panel (7), and a top cover panel (12); wherein at least one of said panels is slidable by means of a guiding device (17, 20) to open and close the weighing compartment (4); wherein at least one of the at least one side wall panel (5, 6), the front wall panel (7), the top cover panel (12), and the stationary part (8, 9) has cutout passages (20) for cables and conduits (123), wherein the cutout passages (20) are configured to receive clip-on devices (21, 21', 21", 113).

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein the cutout passages (20) are configured to receive clip-on cable-holder devices (21') for holding said cables and conduits (123) in place.

4. (Original) The balance (1) of claim 3, wherein said clip-on cable holder devices (21') are U-shaped.

5. (Original) The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein the cutout passages (20) are configured to receive clip-on tool

holder devices '(21")' equipped with tool holders (130).

6. (Currently Amended) The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein the stationary part comprises a rear wall (9), further comprising side wall panels (114) ~~of different~~ having a smaller height than the rear wall, wherein the cutout passages (20) are configured to receive clip-on devices (113) that cooperate with holder rails (115) as part of the guiding device for the slidable side wall panels (114) ~~of different height~~.

7. (Original) The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein the front wall panel (7) is non-slidable, the at least one side-wall panel (5, 6) and the top-cover panel (12) are slidable, and wherein each of the panels (5, 6, 7, 12) is attached to the stationary part (8, 9) by means of a holder element which allows each of said panels (5, 6, 7, 12) to be individually locked in place and released by a simple application of manual force.

8. (Original) The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein the at least one of the panels (5, 6, 12) that is slidable is individually separable from the balance (1) by manually pulling said panel (5, 6, 12) outwards in a tilting movement.

9. (Original) The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein each of the panels (5, 6, 7, 12) can be set to a stable inclined position by a simple application of manual force.

10. (Original) The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein the panels (5, 6, 7, 12) are free of sight-blocking frame members, thereby allowing an unobstructed view into the weighing compartment (4).

11. (Original) The balance (1) of claim 1, comprising an accessory unit (140) containing modules from the group of electric power supplies and control electronics.

12. (Original) The balance (1) of claim 11, wherein the stationary part of the balances comprises a housing (3) and the accessory unit (140) is integrated in the housing (3).

13. (Original) The balance (1) of claim 11, wherein the accessory unit (140) comprises passages (147) for the cables and conduits (123).

14. (Original) The balance (1) of claim 13, wherein the accessory unit (140) is connected to the rear wall (9) through guide channels (143, 143') for the cables and conduits (123).

15. (Original) The balance (1) of claim 14, wherein the guide channels (143, 143') are integrated in the housing (3) and can be closed to the outside by means of covers.